

# DEFENSE RESTS IN CLARA HAMON TRIAL WITHOUT JURY ARGUMENT

**Court Adjourns Until Nine  
o'Clock This Morning For  
Ruling on Sending Case  
to Jury Today**

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

ARDMORE, Okla., March 16.—Waiving its rights to arguments, the defense in the trial of Clara Smith Hamon, charged with the murder of Jake L. Hamon, late today asked that the case be sent immediately to the jury. Court adjourned until tomorrow when a ruling will be made.

H. H. Brown of Ardmore, special prosecutor, had just concluded a plea for the conviction of Clara Harmon when W. P. McLean of Fort Worth, Texas, arose and said:

"The state has opened argument of its case and it has closed it."

The state was unprepared for the move, and S. P. Freeling, state attorney general was not present.

The court withheld ruling until Attorney General Freeling could reach the courtroom, and after he had said that he wished time to examine the law on the question of the court's

Tonight Judge T. W. Champion said that heretofore it had been the practice to dispense with arguments when counsel so elected in minor cases. The attorneys are not under a time limit but it generally was said by the eight attorneys involved, only four of whom will speak if it is ruled that the argument must go on, that the case would be in the jury's hands by noon tomorrow.

In his charge to the jury, Judge Champion pointed out the three degrees of murder under the Oklahoma code: Murder, with a sentence of life imprisonment, or

degree manslaughter, with a sentence of from four years to life imprisonment, and second degree manslaughter with a minimum fine of one dollar. He also made plain to the jury the matters of self-defense, excusable homicide and dying declarations.

Paving the way for Attorney General Freeling's closing argument and asking that the defendant be convicted, Mr. Brown spoke for one hour and fifty minutes.

Frequently he pointed to Mrs. Jack L. Hamon as she sat weeping and th-

Mr. Brown asserted Clara Hamon's story of the shooting was "told from the witness stand yesterday in schooled tragic voice."

In opening his address Mr. Brown made what was interpreted in some quarters as an apology for his remarks yesterday in which he referred to Mrs. J. L. Smith of El Paso, woman of Clara Hamon, as "the old woman."

He paid a tribute to his youngest brother, Russell Brown, former county attorney, who

Should it be ruled tomorrow morning that arguments in the trial are not ended, the defense counsel will present three of its members before Attorney General Freeling makes the final argument.

**LATE NEWS**

**FLASHES**  
**FAVORS RECOGNITION**  
**GALVESTON, Texas, March 16.** —  
 Absolute assurance of protection for  
 American interests in Mexico alone  
 would justify the United States in ex-

tending recognition to the Obregon government, Guy Stevens, director of the Association of Producers of Petroleum in Mexico, announced here to night after the first day's conference of executives and field superintendents from the southern republic.

**"DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS LOADED**  
EL PASO, Texas, March 16.—Ricardo Sanchez, caught at the international bridge driving a car containing 10 quarts of gin and 10 of whiskey, told

officers he had been hired for one dollar to drive the car from Juarez to El Paso and did not know it contained liquor. Sanchez, who is 17, was held for the United States court under \$75 bond.

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**EXTEND IMMIGRATION RULING**  
EL PASO, Texas, March 15.—F. W. Berkshire, supervision inspector of immigration for the border district, an

nounced today an extension of 30 days had been granted for the return of immigrant laborers to Mexico. The immigration service estimates there are 20,000 Mexican agricultural laborers along the border, admitted under bonds for their return to Mexico. A majority were brought to the Salt River Valley of Arizona last year and thrown out of employment following the demoralization of the cotton market.

**DEIVER MEN FOR STRIKE**  
DENVER, Colo., March 16. — Employees of the Denver packing house at a secret meeting here tonight voted to strike in protest against the recently announced wage reduction, the Rocky Mountain News will say tomorrow. The vote was 851 to 18.